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In re Application of	)	
Rouns, et al.	)	Examiner: Ann Lam
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Serial No.: 09/733,161	)	Art Unit: 3763
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Filed: February 14, 2000	)	Account No.: 04-1403
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Title: Silicone Elastomer Material for	)	
Use with Enteric Feeding Device	)	Confirm. No.: 2368

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2003, please amend the above-captioned applications as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on p. 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on pg. 6 of this paper.

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

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Total Effective Claims	25	minus	26	=	0	X \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	3	=	0	x \$84 =	\$ 0.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$280.00 (per application)							\$ 0.00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>N/A</u>							
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By: Jason W. Johnston Reg. No.: 45,675 Date: July 10, 2003

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